

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A tailgate for use with a vehicle with a chassis and truck bed, the truck bed having an inside surface and an outside surface, comprising:
 - a pair of mounting blocks positioned on the outside surface of the truck bed;
 - each of said pair of mounting blocks comprising a protrusion;
 - a pair of arms;
 - each of said pair of arms comprising a tubular member;
 - each of said pair of arms positioned on a respective one of said protrusions for rotation thereabout; and
 - a pair of chains attaching each of said arms to said chassis.
2. (Original) The tailgate of claim 1, further comprising a gate mounted on said pair of arms.
3. (Original) The tailgate of claim 2, wherein said gate comprises an elongated plate.
4. (Original) The tailgate of claim 3, wherein said gate comprises metal plate.
5. (Original) The tailgate of claim 3, wherein said gate comprises reinforcing members positioned on said elongated plate.
6. (Original) The tailgate of claim 3, wherein said gate comprises a support member positioned on said elongated plate such that said support member rests on the truck bed.
7. (Cancelled) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises tubular members.

8. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 7 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises steel of about 0.1875 inches in wall thickness.

9. (Original) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises a substantially rectangular shape.

10. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises an aperture therein so as to mate with said respective protrusions.

11. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said pair of arms comprises a chain attachment positioned thereon for ~~said~~ a respective one of said chains.

12. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said mounting blocks is welded to the outside surface of the truck bed.

13. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said mounting blocks comprises a base plate ~~comprises~~ with reinforcing members positioned thereon.

14. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein each of said protrusions comprises a metal pin.

15. (Currently amended) The tailgate of claim 1, further comprising a collar positioned on each of said protrusions so as to keep each of said pair of arms in place.

16. (Original) The tailgate of claim 1, further comprising a pair of chain supports positioned on said chassis such that each of said chain supports attaches one of said pair of chains to one of said pair of arms.

17. (Original) The tailgate of claim 16, wherein each of said pair of chain supports comprises an extending member such that said chain is positioned outside of said truck bed.

18. (Original) The tailgate of claim 1, wherein said pair of chains comprises a chain link.

19. (Cancelled) A vehicle with a chassis, comprising:
a dump bed mounted on said chassis;
a pair of mounting blocks;
one of said pair of mounting blocks mounted on either side of said dump bed;
a tailgate positioned on said mounting blocks for rotation about said dump bed;
and
a pair of chains attaching said tailgate to said chassis.

20. (Cancelled) The vehicle of claim 19, wherein said tailgate comprises a pair of tubular arms.

21. (Cancelled) The vehicle of claim 20, wherein each of said pair of mounting blocks comprises a pin.

22. (Cancelled) The vehicle of claim 21, wherein said tailgate comprises a reinforced gate.

23. (Cancelled) The vehicle of claim 21, wherein said tailgate comprises a support member such that said support member rests on said dump bed.

24. (Cancelled) A method for attaching a tailgate to a dump bed of a vehicle, with the dump bed being positioned on the chassis of the vehicle, comprising:
attaching a mounting pin to both sides of the dump bed;
mounting the tailgate on the mounting pins;
attaching a collar to each of the mounting pins so as to keep the tailgate in place;
and
attaching a pair of chains to the tailgate and the chassis.

25. (Cancelled) The method of Claim 24, wherein said attaching step comprises positioning one of the collars on each of the mounting pins via an attachment pin.